

REMARKS

Specification Amendment

The specification has been amended to update the priority information. No new matter has been added by this amendment. The Examiner is hereby requested to enter this amendment.

Claim Amendments

Claims 10-14, 17-25, 27, 28, 30-47 and 50-53 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants specifically reserve the right to file one or more appropriate continuing and/or divisional applications drawn to the subject matter of these canceled claims.

Claims 1, 48 and 49 have been amended to recite dental caries, for which support can be found, for example, in the original claims 28 and 53. Claims 15, 16, 29 and 54 have also been amended in claim dependency in view of the cancellation of their respective base claims.

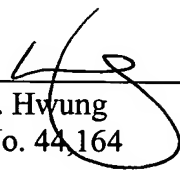
No new matter has been added by these amendments. The Examiner is hereby requested to enter these amendments.

Conclusions

Applicants request that the above amendments be entered prior to examination of this application. Early and favorable examination is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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